

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed contemporaneously with Applicants' Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 1, 2005.

In the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-3, 5, 7-9 and 11-12 and introduced new claims 13-26. New claims 13-26 are fully supported by the originally filed specification and add no new matter.

As all of the pending claims now possess the requisite novelty and unobviousness over the prior art of record, notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicants' attorney at 908-654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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